

ELECTION AND REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after September 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species 17, corresponding to figure 38. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 29-33 and 40 and new claims 53-64 are readable on figure 38.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and respectfully submit that new claims 53 and 59 are generic to species 16 and 17.

New claim 53 relates to an ESD protection circuit that includes a first bipolar transistor and a second bipolar transistor, said first and second bipolar transistors cooperating with one another to perform a SCR. Claim 53 also includes a trigger device triggering said first and second bipolar transistors substantially simultaneously. It is respectfully submitted that these features are disclosed in both figure 36 and figure 38. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 53 is generic to species 16 and 17.

Claims 54-58 depend from generic claim 53 and therefore also read on both figures.

New claim 59 relates to an ESD protection circuit that includes a first well of a first conductive type, said first well having a first region of said first conductive type and a second region of said second conductive type, and a second well of a second conductive type, said second well having a third region of said first conductive type. Claim 59 also includes a trigger device, wherein said first well, second region and third region cooperate with each other to perform a second bipolar transistor, said first and second bipolar transistors cooperate with one another to perform a SCR, and one end of said trigger device is connected to said first region, and another end of said trigger device is connected to said third region. It is respectfully

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submitted that these features are disclosed in both figure 36 and figure 38. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 59 is generic to species 16 and 17.

Claims 60-64 depend from generic claim 59 and therefore also read on both figures.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 48-52, as well as generic claims 53 and 59, are readable on species 16 as embodied in figure 36.

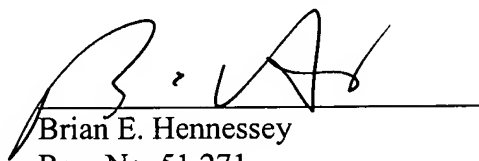
Pursuant to MPEP 806.04(d), once a generic claim is allowable, all of the claims drawn to species in addition to the elected species which require all the limitations of the generic claim will ordinarily be allowable over the prior art in view of the allowability of the generic claim. As such, Applicants submit that, should generic claims 53 and/or 59 be allowed along with their dependent claims, claims 48-52, which also read on species 16, would also be allowable.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 29-33, 40, 48-52, and 53-64 are readable on species 16 and 17.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing and/or divisional application directed to any unelected claims. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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